

SECURITY INFORMATION
REPORT

TOPIC: Altensburg Airfield

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14 October 1953

REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. On 12 August 1953, the take-offs of 8 jet fighters, including aircraft which towed air sleeves, were observed at Altenburg airfield. Throughout the night of 10/11 September, there was intensive air activity. Between 8 p.m. and 10 p.m., swept-back jet fighters took off and flew in elements of two. After 10:30 p.m., the aircraft took off individually, headed toward the west and returned to the field after about 15 minutes. Between 14 and 16 September, some night flights were made.
2. Late in the morning and again in the early afternoon on 16 September, swept-back jet fighters [redacted] practiced flying. At the same time bursts of fire were heard from the east. About noon, MiG-15s towing air sleeves were repeatedly observed. Fourteen swept-back jet fighters and a twin-engine monoplane were parked at the edge of the woods on the eastern edge of the field.

Comment. One fighter regiment is stationed at Altenburg airfield. Air activity observed, including the firing at towed sleeve targets, was conducted within the framework of usual fighter training. The aircraft were previously reported from the fighter division at Merseburg.

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